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1. SO FAR, AT LEAST, THE PAKS SEEM DETERMINED TO KEEP THE BHUTTO-DAOUD INVITATION EMBROGLIO FROM GETTING ANY FURTHER OUT OF HAND. THE PRESS HERE HAS MADE NO MENTION OF ANY AFGHAN UNHAPPINESS OVER THE ISSUE, OBVIATING THE NEED FOR AN UNHELPFUL REJOINDER. BHUTTO, INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY IN LAHORE, DECLINED TO COMMENT WHEN ASKED IF DAOUD HAD REPLIED, A REMARK WHICH MFA WAS QUICK TO DRAW TO OUR ATTENTION.

2. MFA IS PLAYING IT IN LOW KEY. THEY ARE, OF COURSE, AWARE OF THE GOA'S JANUARY 4 DEMARCHE, AND KNOW TO WHOM IT WAS MADE, THOUGH THEY CLAIM NOT YET TO HAVE GOT THE
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FULL TEXT FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN KABUL. THEY TELL US AT

THE WORKING LEVEL (DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AFGHANISTAN MANSUR AHMED) THAT UNTIL THEY HAVE WORD FROM AMBASSADOR ALI ARSHAD OF AFGHAN REACTION TO HIS JANUARY 8 DEMARCHE, THEY PREFER NOT TO SPECULATE ABOUT GOA MOTIVES IN CALLING INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO THE LEADING OF THE INVITATION AND THE OTHER ALLEGATIONS OF GOP UNDERHANDEDNESS.

3. ACCORDING TO MANSUR, ALI ARSHAD WAS INSTRUCTED TO CLARIFY SEVERAL POINTS. AMONG THEM:

-- THAT THE REUTERS DISPATCH WAS INCORRECT, IN THAT BHUTTO DID NOT TALK IN THATTA ON JANUARY 2 ABOUT GOA SUPPORT FOR NAP OR ALLEGE THAT THE AFGHANS ARE TRAINING GUERRILLAS, ONLY DISCLOSED THE INVITATION AND SAID NO REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED. (THIS IS OUR READING ALSO, AND WAS THE WAY WE REPORTED IT IN KARACHI 13.)

-- THAT BHUTTO FELT THAT HAVING TOLD THE MASHRIQ CORRESPONDENT IN KARACHI ON DECEMBER 28 ABOUT THE INVITATION, HE WAS OBLIGED TO TELL OTHER REPORTERS THE SAME THING WHEN THEY ASKED HIM A FEW DAYS LATER. (THE MASHRIQ ARTICLE, LIKE THOSE REPORTING THE THATTA INTERVIEW, WAS HELPFUL AND CONFINED TO MENTION OF THE INVITATION. THE LAHORE EDITION OF THE PAPER, WHICH IS ALSO PUBLISHED IN THREE OTHER CITIES, CARRIED NO ARTICLES UNFRIENDLY TO AFGHANISTAN THAT DAY.)

4. MANSUR ALSO DECLINED TO SPECULATE ABOUT POSSIBLE PRE-CONDITIONS THE AFGHANS MIGHT INSIST ON BEFORE THE TALKS PENDING WORD FROM THE GOA ABOUT THE INVITATION (HOWEVER DEFINED) TO DAOUD. HE INDICATED THAT MFA COULD SEE MERIT IF PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW AND AT WHAT LEVEL THE AFGHANS WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED.

5. OBVIOUSLY THIS HAS ALL BEEN RATHER EMBARRASSING TO MFA. IT IS NOT EASY TO JUSTIFY EVERYTHING SAID BY A CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT AS VOLUBLE AS BHUTTO, AND WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHY, WHEN ASKED BY AFGHAN CHARGE' SHERZOI ABOUT BHUTTO'S SECOND LEAK ONLY DAYS AFTER THE PRIME MINISTER HAD VOLUNTEERED NOT TO SAY ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THE INVITATION, ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ

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COULD ONLY REPLY (IN SHERZOI'S ACCOUNT), "HE'S A POLITICIAN".

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